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Commissioner for Patents 5 P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Applicants have considered the Office Action mailed June 30, 2003 and offer the following amendments and remarks. Accompanying this amendment is a Petition for 10 Extension of time under 37 CFR §1.136 (a), containing a provision for payment of the appropriate fee, extending the period for response by three months, to and including December 30, 2003. Please amend the application as follows:

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Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which being on page 7.

20 Remarks/Arguments begin on page 13 of this paper.

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